

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hidekazu KIKUCHI

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER: Unassigned

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FOR: TRANSFER METHOD AND APPARATUS, EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS, METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/557,156, filed April 25, 2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	11-117460	April 26, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

are submitted herewith

will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/557,156 filed April 25, 2000

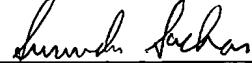
were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
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(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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